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In re Application of:

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Improved Performance Of Flash  
Memory Cell Devices**

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the *Final Office Action* dated September 29, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application. Please enter and consider the following remarks.